

MRS Monthly Network Meeting

Eastern Counties

Wilson - January 9, 2004

Gates (Coleen)

#1 Strengths based structured Intake

- a lot of work of community education
- CCPT agenda for 1 ½ yrs.
- Have been to all schools but 1 high school
- Great community inclusion in Cornerstone 1
- Increase in reports screened in with better information from new form

#2 Two approaches to reports

- Scheduled for training 3A
- 2 workers
- Get about 7 reports screened in a month and 6 of 7 are neglect, may be overwhelming to do all as assessment at first, will play by ear

#3 Coordination w/ Law Enforcement

- Looking at other counties MOA
- Plan to nail down in February
- They only have a Sheriff's Dept.

#4 Redesign of in home services

- Ready with in home services

#5 Child & Family Teams

- Struggling to identify who would be facilitator
- Coleen has experience from Ohio and may do some
- Have a school counselor who may be interested

#6 Shared Parenting

- No kids in foster care right now, but if they get any they will do meetings right away
- 3 foster homes in Gates
- Coleen has experience in this

#7 Coordination w/ Work First

- Went to pre-service in Child Welfare, if the report is on one of her cases she will conduct the assessment coordinating with Sherry (Gates Co. worker)

Durham (Chuck)

- Still in the planning phase. Lots of discussions with staff and charged them to come up with a plan and deadlines to come forward at end of next week.

#1 Strengths based structured Intake

#2 Two approaches to reports

- Biggest challenge will be dual track, scary for workers, will probably start slow.
 - At least 1 social worker and at least 1 Case Planning/Case Management worker have to become as assessor
 - High turnover
- #3 Coordination w/ Law Enforcement
- Good collaboration
- #4 Redesign of in home services
- When MRS rolls out will do contracting for in home services
 - i.e. parenting ed in home, IFPS, increase respite care
- #5 Child & Family Teams
- Were doing teams for Casey and Waiver, makes a huge difference
 - Kids in care dropped from 401 to 209 in 4 years
 - Three people have been trained (through Casey) to be facilitators, one person will be dedicated to this.
- #6 Shared Parenting
- Have already started
 - Included in Foster Parent agreements
 - Starting in March will do with every child that comes into care
- #7 Coordination w/ Work First
- One family/one plan/one team Committee that Chuck heads
 - Protocols for when get a new case
 - Some expectations for joint staffings

Orange

- #1 Strengths based structured Intake
- Training across all staff
 - Lots of introduction to community; MH, Schools, CCPT
 - Brochure created will be mailed with all letters to reporters and parents when they begin Family Assessments
- #2 Two approaches to reports
- Have already been having investigators keep cases throughout the life of the case, starting there
 - Plan is for all workers to do both investigative and assessments, some may be primarily one or the other
- #3 Coordination w/ Law Enforcement
- Have interagency meeting every other month – 4 city police departments and 1 sheriff so brings continuity
 - Have been introducing MRS at this meeting
- #4 Redesign of in home services
- Ready with in home services
- #5 Child & Family Teams
- #6 Shared Parenting
- All new MAPP
 - Informally have already been altering current families

#7 Coordination w/ Work First

- Meeting between CPS and WF to present their rules

Wilson

- Have been meeting monthly for almost 2 years to talk about what they wanted to look like when MRS was rolled out.
- Their in home trainer got them on the road
- Philosophy: take it slow, chunk it theory
- No longer a planning/implementation committee but a cross-sectional oversight team

#1 Strengths based structured Intake

- Staff reports as they come in to determine which cases are appropriate to pilot, have to keep caseloads down
- Are avoiding DV cases right now until further training

#2 Two approaches to reports

- Created a whole new pilot team
- Family Assessment Track - 3 new social workers who take neglect cases – if at the point of decision services are needed that move on to provide services
- 1 social worker both assessment and investigative – at the point of decision if services are needed they are transferred to an in home services worker
- Comments from families with previous experience – they really like it, “every family should be treated this way”
- Social Workers say it feels good to them and when they get to the point of closure it is clear to them and the family if they need services, they feel they are not going out to see if the family did something wrong, but instead if they can help them get better

#3 Coordination w/ Law Enforcement

#4 Redesign of in home services

#5 Child & Family Teams

- Putting together teams for two cases

#6 Shared Parenting

- Excited about it
- Have been meeting regularly with Foster Parents for a couple of months
- Trained on Family Centered Principles
- Identified 2 Foster Homes to pilot shared parenting
- Going ahead with Foster Parents and shared parenting with existing kids in care

#7 Coordination w/ Work First

Challenges/Comments

- Initiation time frames a challenge – have reframed language
- Didn't include after hours workers in initial training and realize now they should have

- Flex Hours compensation issues have to be thought about
- Moving ahead, but similar to Durham not rushing things, some resistance

Pamlico

#1 Strengths based structured Intake

- Taught them about the whole approach
- Small county (like Gates) but their director has been thinking along these lines since he came

#2 Two approaches to reports

- Scheduled for training 3A

#3 Coordination w/ Law Enforcement

- Still need to educate sheriff dept, as well as DA and schools
- Will be ready to go by Spring

#4 Redesign of in home services

#5 Child & Family Teams

- Used CCPT's all the time
- Admin. Asst wants to be trained as facilitator

#6 Shared Parenting

- Embrace the concept

#7 Coordination w/ Work First